BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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SECRETARY, BOARD OF OIL. GAS & MINING

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IN THE MATTER OF FORMAL : ORDER AMENDING RULEMAKING TO AMEND THE MINERALS PROGRAM R647 RULES

MINERALS REGULATORY PROGRAM :

R647 RULES RESULTING FROM SB 282 DOCKET NO. 2011-014
AND SB 15 FROM 2011 LEGISLATURE : CAUSE NO. RMNRL-2011-02

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Pursuant to the Request of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining ("Division") filed with the Board of Oil, Gas & Mining ("Board"), the Request for Formal Rulemaking to Amend the Minerals Program R647 Rules was presented for action by the Board at its regularly scheduled hearing on October 26, 2011 with Board members Ruland J. Gill, Kelly L. Payne, Jake Y. Harouny, Jean Semborski, Chris D. Hansen, Carl F. Kendall, and James T. Jensen, Chair present and participating in the hearing. Steve Alder, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Division.

Steven Schneider presented the Board with a summary of the actions taken by the Board and Division to comply with the Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, Utah Code §§63G-3-101 et seq. (2010); specifically: that at its regularly scheduled hearing on August 24, 2011, the Board approved commencement of formal rulemaking resulting from SB 282, Small Mining Operations, and SB 15, Surety Requirements for Mining, from the 2011 General Session of the Legislature; the eRules filing was completed on August 29, 2011 and the proposed rule amendments appeared in the Utah State Bulletin on September 15, 2011; the Board gave notice of and provided opportunity for public comment after publication in the Utah State Bulletin as part of the regularly scheduled Board hearing on September 29, 2011; that a 30-day comment period was provided extending through October 17, 2011; that no objections were received; and that more than 7 days have elapsed since the close of the comment period.

The Board being fully advised, after consideration of all comments, based on the reasons stated in the Request, and for good cause appearing does by unanimous vote of those present hereby Order amendment of Minerals Program Rules in R647 as specified in the Request, effective upon the execution and entry of this Order.

DATED this day of October, 2011.

James T. Jensen, Chai

Utah Board of Oil Gas and Mining

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing ORDER for Docket No. 2011-014, Cause No. RMNRL-2011-02 to be mailed with postage prepaid, this <u>26</u>th day of October, 2011, to the following:

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